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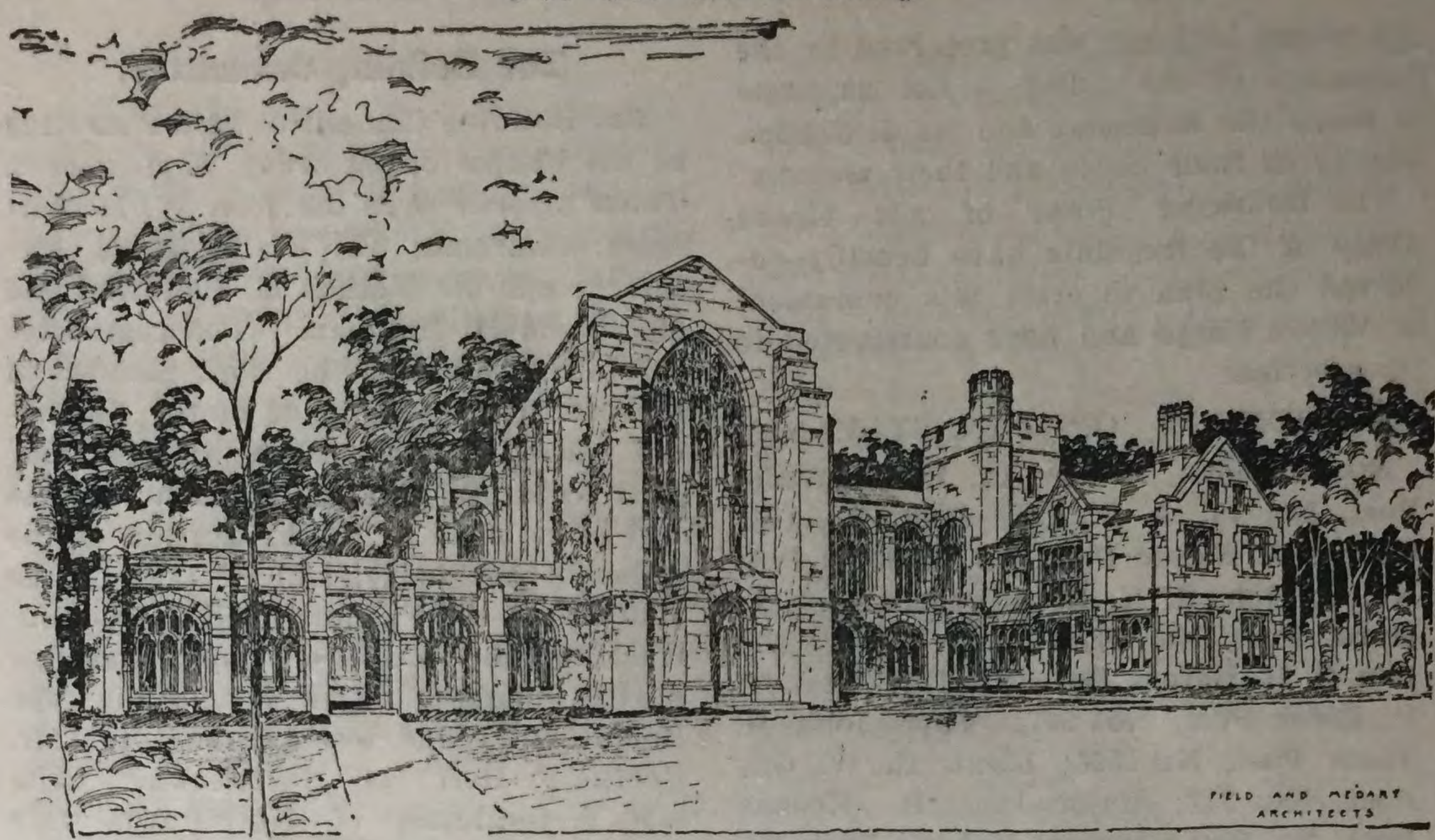

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory or Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The Fiftieth Anniversary of President Lincoln's Call for Defenders of the Union.

Now that work has been begun in earnest upon the Defenders' Gate there should be a concerted action on the part of patriots who value the Union and all it represents in American life to secure the amount required to complete it. Fifteen thousand dollars will erect this memorial. This is a small sum to ask for this purpose from the American people, but it will be too much unless interest in the work is aroused.

This is the psychological moment for carrying through this project to honor the Defenders of the Union at Valley Forge. April 15, 1911, has been selected as the date for the dedication of the Defenders' Gate, for on April 15, 1861, President Lincoln issued his call to arms, his appeal for 75,000 Defenders of the Union. The fiftieth anniversary of this notable event is certainly the most appropriate time for the dedication of this monument to the men who conserved the work done by the men of Valley Forge. The mere statement of the purpose, the time, and the project ought to be enough to arouse the enthusiasm of every Ameri-

can whose heritage was preserved by the Defenders of the Union. Let us unite to make the moument and its dedication worthy of their deeds and their memory.

The following Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic have heartily endorsed the plan to erect this monument at Valley Forge and have contributed to its erection:

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Stevens Post, No. 69; Lt. Josiah White Post, No. 45; A. G. Reed Post, No. 105; George G. Meade Post, No. 1; Ellis Post No. 6; Gen. S. K. Zook Post, No. 11; Hurst Post, No. 86; Lincoln Post, No. 140; G. H. Barnes Post, No. 175; Sergt. T. F. Elder Post, No. 507; Capt. John M. Jones Post, No. 556; Lieut. E. W. Gay Post, No. 312; Major Jno. B. Keenan Post, No. 500; Corporal McLean Post, No. 423; Robert Oldham Post, No. 527.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

William C. Berry Post, No. 85; C. K. Hall Post, No. 41; Winfield Scott Hancock Post, No. 107; Thomas M. K. Lee, Jr., Post, No. 5.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Wm. H. Stevenson Post, No. 102; Genl. Shields Corcoran Post, No. 69; William McKinley Post, No. 203; Oliver Tilden Post, No. 96; Adam Wirth Post, No. 451.

This honor roll is steadily growing, and we hope to enroll every Post.

The Rev. Mr. Burk went to New Rochelle, N. Y., on the 13th of September, to make an address at the meeting of the Daughters of the Revolution. It is hoped that the result of his talks on Valley Forge will be a deeper interest in the work in which he is engaged. He was most cordially received by Miss Carville and the members of the chapter, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bradley. The chapter is arranging to have Mr. Burk give his illustrated lecture on Valley Forge in New Rochelle during the winter.

The Building Committee.

The Building Committee held a meeting at the Chapel on Saturday, September 3. Those present were the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, chairman; Mr. Frank Quigg, secretary; and Mr. Nathan M. Hallowell and Mr. David H. Hallman. The committee carefully considered the work planned in the erection of the lodge of the Defenders' Gate and the work at the Patriots' Hall preparatory to this. Much progress had been made in the excavation of the cellar of the lodge, and of that of the addition to the Patriots' Hall. The contract for the deep well pump, gasoline engine, compression tank, and the pipe line to the lodge was awarded to Mr. George F. Herr, of Norristown. Crisman & Quillman, of Norristown, were awarded the contract for the insulated pipe line.

Since the meeting the work has gone forward steadily. The excavation of the basement of the Patriots' Hall for the water works and electric light plant made it possible to grade back of the Cloister, thus protecting the foundations, and making the drive through the Virginia Bay available. The horse sheds have been removed farther from the Hall. This is a decided improvement and is a positive fire protection.

The effort of the committee is to spend as little as possible for temporary work. The future development of the plans is constantly kept in view, and all parts of the work are considered.

The first load of stone arrived on the 10th, and has been hauled to the lodge.

An interesting relic of John Paul Jones has been presented to the Museum by Mrs. Benjamin P. Elliott. Years ago when her husband repaired the admiral's watch he preserved the chain, placing it in a glass bottle and enclosing a record of it. Up to the time of Mr. Elliott's death this was a treasured relic, and now it has been placed in the Museum for preservation.

Washington's Marquee.

During the past year Washington's Marquee has attracted the attention not only of the visitors to Valley Forge, but of thousands throughout the country. The newspapers have called attention to this unique relic of Washington, and its romantic history is being repeated by those who have seen it. All honor is due to those who have helped to bring the Marquee to Valley Forge, and at the close of the first year we are glad to print the list of contributors who made the first payment possible.

To this list is appended a statement of receipts and expenditures, submitted by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, who purchased the Marquee.

Miss Eleanor H. Stroud	$1 00
Mrs. Mary J. B. Chew	50 00
Mrs. Hampton L. Carson	2 00
Miss Martha M. Brown	10 00
Mrs. Charles C. Harrison	50 00
Miss Lydia T. Morris	50 00
Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader	5 00
Mrs. C. Stewart Patterson	1 00
Mrs. Charles Hinchman	1 00
Mrs. J. L. Ketterlinus	2 00
Mrs. Mary J. B. Chew	50 00
Mrs. Mary J. B. Chew	100 00
Mrs. William H. Bennett	1 00
Mrs. Louis Prevost Evans	1 00
Mrs. William Elder Bailey	2 00
Mrs. Charles A. Barnett	1 00
Dr. Charles A. Oliver	1 00
Mrs. James Edgar Gibson	1 00
Miss Jane Jamison	1 00
Miss Caroline F. Hebenthal	1 00
Mr. John Stewart	1 00
Mrs. R. H. I. Goddard	1 00
Miss Rose Guthrie Marsh	1 00
Mrs. Charles H. Richards	2 00
Mrs. and Miss McCormick	1 00
Mrs. George J. de Armond	1 00
Miss Frances A. Roberts	1 00
Miss Mary Evans	1 00
Mr. Edmund C. Pechin	1 00
Mary I. Pechin	1 00
Bertha S. Pechin	1 00
John S. Pechin	1 00
Mrs. Marguerite Pechin Sheridan.	1 00
Mrs. Matthew Semple	1 00
Mrs. Francis Thompson Howell	1 00
Miss E. C. Roberts	1 00
Mrs. Horace A. Beale	1 00
Mrs. Gardiner Ramsdell	1 00
Mrs. Charles H. Deere	1 00
Mrs. Mary P. Bliss	1 00
Mrs. Margaret Pechin	1 00
Miss Lilla S. Pechin	1 00
Miss Josephine C. Bonnell	2 00
Miss Marian E. Maurice	1 00
Mrs. G. W. Mixter	1 00
Sarah Ludlow Chapter, D. A. R., Seymour, Conn.	1 00
Laura Hale Mull	2 00
Mrs. A. Graham Reed	1 00
Mrs. Lillie Pynch Hartlaub	1 00
Mrs. Savilla Pynch	1 00
Miss Carrie Bolton	5 00
Mrs. J. Gibson McIlvain	1 00
Mrs. Carlton M. Moody	1 00
Mrs. Charles P. Perot	1 00
Mrs. A. D. Whiting	1 00
Mrs. James H. Morris	1 00
Mrs. Mahlon N. Kline	1 00
Miss Julia Garrett	100 00
Mrs. John Markoe	10 00
Miss Fanny D. Abbott	1 00
Mrs. Christopher Stuart Patterson	1 00
Miss Mary W. Paul	5 00
Mrs. Alfred S. Moore	1 00
Mrs. Martha B. Hay	1 00
Dr. R. G. Curtin	1 00
Mrs. Ellen M. Beale	1 00
Miss M. C. Williams	1 00
Mrs. Horace F. Weeks	1 00
Miss Frances F. Weeks	1 00
Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison	50 00
Miss E. M. Mooney	1 00
Mrs. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler	5 00
G. H. S. Uhler	1 00
H. H. Houston Woodward	2 00
George Woodward, Jr.	2 00
Stanley Woodward	2 00
Charles Henry Woodward	2 00
Gertrude H. Woodward	2 00
Miss Sarah R. Chew	5 00
Merion Chapter, D. A. R., Phila.	1 00
Rev. W. Herbert Burk	1 00
Mr. Thomas S. Neale	1 00
Miss A. M. Spring	1 00
	$575 00

REPORT OF THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK, PURCHASER OF WASHINGTON'S MARQUEE.

RECEIPTS.

March 4, 1908, to September 1, 1910.

Amounts received from contributors	$575 00
Amounts received from 25 cent admissions	19 00
Amounts received from 10 cent admissions	233 60
Interest	8 69
	$836 29

EXPENDITURES.

Aug. 18, 1909. Burke and Herbert, first payment on account of Marquee	$500 00
Aug. 18, 1909. W. Herbert Burk, expenses of removal to Valley Forge	10 00
Sept. 1, 1909. Burke & Herbert, second payment on account of Marquee	7 47
Sept. 17, 1909. M. H. Shoemaker, insurance on Marquee	62 50
Oct. 1, 1909. Burke & Herbert, third payment on account of Marquee	48 33
Nov. 1, 1909. Burke & Herbert, fourth payment on account of Marquee	30 06
Nov. 7, 1909. The Norristown Herald, advertisements and tickets	6 25
Dec. 1, 1909. Berke & Herbert, fifth payment on account of Marquee	14 58
Jan. 4, 1910. Burke & Herbert, sixth payment on account of Marquee	2 52
Feb. 1, 1910. Burke & Herbert, seventh payment on account of Marquee	1 44
March 1, 1910. Burke & Herbert, eighth payment on account of Marquee	1 89
April 1, 1910. Burke & Herbert, ninth payment on account of Marquee	5 49
May 2, 1910. Burke & Herbert, tenth payment on account of Marquee	10 89
June 1, 1910. Burke & Herbert, eleventh payment on account of Marquee	17 46
July 1, 1910. Burke & Herbert, twelfth payment on account of Marquee	23 70
Aug. 2, 1910. Burke & Herbert, thirteenth payment on account of Marquee	27 36
Aug. 30, 1910. M. H. Shoemaker, insurance on Marquee	62 50
Sept. 1, 1910. Burke & Herbert, fourteenth payment on account of Marquee	36 15
	$868 59
Amount due W. Herbert Burk	32 30
Admissions to September 1, 1910, 25 cent	76
Admissions to September 1, 1910, 10 cent	2336
Total admissions	2412

The Convocation of Norristown.

The fall meeting of the Convocation of Norristown will be held at the Chapel on Thursday, September 29. There will be Holy Communion and a sermon by the Rev. Harry St. Claire Hathaway, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, at 11 o'clock. Luncheon will be served by the Guild at 1 o'clock. The Convocation will hold its business meeting at 2.30 o'clock, and the Woman's Auxiliary will meet at 12 o'clock.

An ivy from Mount Vernon has been given by Mrs. Henry W. Kratz to be planted at the Chapel.

On the 6th of September Mr. and Mrs. William Rumford left the Chapel where they had served so acceptably as custodians. The change was made on account of Mrs. Rumford's health. Mr. and Mrs. John Warriner are the new custodians.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pa.

THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK
MINISTER IN CHARGE,
ALL SAINTS RECTORY, NORRISTOWN.

Mr. Frank Quigg, Treasurer,
Port Kennedy, Pa.
Mr. Leslie Jefferis,
Treasurer of the Building Fund,
Bridgeport, Pa.
William Rumford, Sexton.

Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Second Sunday of the month, 10.30 A. M. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Stewart Fund Hall

Sundays.

10.00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 A. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

SEPTEMBER.

18. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
21. St. Matthew. Ember Day.
23. Ember Day.
24. Ember Day.
25. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.
29. St. Michael and All Angels.
Convocation of Norristown.
11 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon.
12 m. Women's Auxiliary.
2.30 Business Meeting.

OCTOBER.

2. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
5. 2.30 p. m. Washington Chapel Guild.
9. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
10.30 a. m. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Letter to Bishop Whitaker.

The following letter was sent to the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, Bishop of Pennsylvania, asking for permission to organize the Chapel congregation into an independent parish. As the letter is an important document in the history of the Valley Forge Mission we print it in full.

The Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.
August 11, 1910.

To the Right Reverend O. W. Whitaker, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the congregation of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, held on this date, it was unanimously resolved to seek your consent for the organization of the Mission as an independent parish.

Therefore, in compliance with the requirements of Canon XVIII of the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, we appeal to you for your consent to the organization of the said parish, and to that end submit the following facts for your consideration:

1. The Washington Memorial Chapel is located in Montgomery county, Upper Merion township, on the River road, between Valley Forge and Port Kennedy. It is about two miles from St. Paul's Memorial Church, Upper Providence; five and a-half miles from Christ Church, Upper Merion; and about the same distance from the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli. These parishes gave their canonical consent to the establishment of the Mission.

2. The current expenses have been as follows:

1907	$1,269 37
1908	1,589 07
1909	1,709 60
1910	1,660 76

Of this amount the Convocation of Norristown has contributed annually from $500 to $675. A recent canvass shows that the whole amount required for the support of the proposed parish for

the next three years can be paid by the congregation and their pledges have been taken.

3. The Mission has forty-five families in which there are seventy-six communicants.

4. As members of the congregation we believe the time has come for the organization of an independent parish. The rapid growth of the Mission in numbers and material resources lead us to look for greater results when the responsibility is borne by those for whom the services are maintained.

Hoping that our appeal may meet with your hearty approval, we are

Very respectfully yours,

Leslie Jefferis, Charles M. Burk,
Clayton S. Walker, Herbert Warriner,
Chas. W. Walker, John Warriner,
Frank Quigg, S. Col. Summerill,
Nathan B. Hughes, George R. Yarrow,
Edward H. Binns, B. F. Fisher,
Thomas H. Dobson. Stanley Espenship.
Malcolm M. Coppuck,

The regular annual meeting of the Guild was held at the Chapel on Wednesday, September 7th. After the reading of the annual reports the annual election was held. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Chas. W. Walker; vice president, Mrs. C. Colket Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. Nathan Hughes; secretary, Miss Crawford. A motion was carried to the effect that a standing comimttee be appointed by the President quarterly to assist with the undertakings of the Guild. The Guild will furnish luncheon for the Convocation on Thursday, September 29th. The next meeting of the Guild will be held at the Chapel on Wednesday, October 5th.

Annual report of the Washington Memorial Guild, Sept. 7, 1910.

This year has been a memorable one in many respects for both the Chapel and the Guild and a brief review of its happenings might prove profitable and comforting. The attendance at the Guild meetings has been fair and could be much improved if each member felt the responsibility resting on her efforts. The first event of the new year was the luncheon furnished for the Montgomery County Historical Society. A rummage sale was held in the early fall and a rag carpet was commenced. The Chapel was decorated for the Christmas festival and a present given the faithful organist, Miss Mary Stephens. The winter meetings were held at the homes of some of the members and as usual these meetings were better attended. Several rag carpet parties were held in the course of the winter and very materially aided the progress of the carpet. A mission study class met during Lent at Mrs. Chas. W. Walker's under the interesting and capable leadership of Miss Hibbs. These meetings were a source of much pleasure and profit. The largest and most difficult undertaking of the Guild was commenced this year—the Tea Room. The treasurer's report shows the financial benefit this has been and one might say that it is not really well-established yet. It has various possibilities for profit and for spreading the interests of the Chapel broadcast, but in order to make it truly successful in every respect it must have the faithful co-operation of every Guild member. On May 13th a most successful luncheon was served to Colonial Chapter, Liberty Bell Chapter, and Daughters of the Revolution, and their guests from near and far. The year's activities ended with the spring rummage sale. Five new members and three resignations are to be reported for the year. The most important event in the life of the parish has been its preparation for separation and with this the Guild has been only indirectly concerned. On the whole the year has much of encouragement and it is hoped may be the forerunner of an even more successful year—1910-1911.

History of the Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

From Norristown Herald, July 10. 1850.
From the Bucks County Intelligencer.
LETTER VI.

[Continued.]

Among the things found in ransacking the drawers, were a number of cartridges, that had been found by the lad above mentioned a few days before, and placed in the drawer without suspecting any evil consequences would arise from this simple circumstance. Finding these, so enraged the plunderers, who suspected from this trifling affair that they were connected with the army, that they became so turbulent that fears for their safety was strongly apprehended, the famliy believing they would proceed to violent measures. Some explanation being made and finding nothing further to confirm their suspicions they soon became quiet and offered no further violence to any.

Having seen the respect they paid to the aged woman before mentioned, some of the family availed themselves of the opportunity while the Hessians were upstairs, of placing in her pockets some silver spoons and other small articles of value and owing to this circumstance they escaped their notice. It was well that they did not understand their language or comprehend their meaning, otherwise she would, owing to her dotage, by her words and actions, expressive of her anxiety, have betrayed the secret of their being secreted about her person. After taking whatever they thought proper, and among other things the articles (consisting principally of groceries) which my mother had purchased during her late expedition, they departed from the house.

Crossing over a small stream of water they found sitting under a large walnut tree an old man, a brother of my grandfather's, generally known by the name of Uncle Benjamin, engaged in shaving splints to make baskets, and who had not been apprized of what was passing in the house. Coming up to him they demanded of him whether he was a rebel man, an epithet very familiar with them. They received from him a very cool reception and abrupt answer, for being armed with a sharp axe and furnished with several pieces of white oak wood for making splints about eight feet long and split into sizes of sufficient lightness to handle with ease, he did not fear them. Instead of answering them, he told them to clear out, or to (use his own expression) he woul brain some of them, at the same time making use of actions suitable to the words. They soon left him, either thinking him an object not worthy of their notice, or fearing a stroke from his axe. It is probably well, that they desisted, as he was of a very vindictive spirit and given to broils and fighting and he might, in all probability, have carried his threats into execution.

They next proceeded to Thomas Water's and having plundered the house of many valuable things, took a notion to feast upon some fowls. While in pursuit of them, some ran under an old smoke house, where one of the pursuers followed them. Whether he succeeded in capturing any fowls or not tradition does not inform us, but they succeeded in finding something of more value—a large sum of money, in coin, had been secreted there to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy. Having succeeded so well they proceeded to their camp, stopping at the next farm above and carrying from a tree some green persimmons, a fruit at the time not very palatable to them.

There is a circumstance connected with this account, I will next mention here. The large walnut tree alluded to is still standing, a few venerable elms, that escaped the ravages of that period, are the only relics of the revolution that I know of that now remain on my grandfather's property. Neither can I close

this account without introducing to the notice of my readers, one, who at the time of the visit of the Hessians, rendered himself of some notoriety. I allude to a black man, a slave of my grandfather's, named Phineas, generally called "Phin," for be it known that at the time slavery existed in Pennsylvania and Friends, of whom my grandfather was one, as well as others, held them in unconditional servitude. Phin seeing the Hessians coming, ran into the house, took down a long gun which is still in possession of some of the family, and hastily seizing some ammunition, ran some distance to a sink hole or cave, where he hid himself for several days, coming home at night for food; and as he said, determined to defend himself from the enemy. The place of his retreat was afterwards called by my father, "Phin's fort," a name it still retains and may possibly for some years to come.

The detachment of British soldiers mentioned in my last, proceeded to the farm of Thomas Waters, took off a large quantity of hay, grain and many other articles, drove off some cattle and horses and then returned the same night to their camp. This was the last time that any of the British or Hessians were on my grandfather's property in a hostile manner.

In my next, I shall, in addition to some things growing out of the events mentioned in this letter, make some general remarks on the state of the times and some other matters which I trust will be of interest to my readers.

Mr. Mahlon A. Shearer has added to our collection a model mortar made of bullets from the battle-field of Gettysburg.

Contributions to the Tea Room: Silver water pitcher, Miss Eleanor Stroud; coffee urn, Miss Eleanor Stroud.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner, Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

The Court is to set at the Presidents Room.

Head Quarrs. Valley Forge. Jany, 27th., 1778.
Major Genl.....Tomorrow.....Lord Starling
Brigadier..... .....Maxwell
Field officers.....Lt. Colo. Sherman Major Thayer
Brigade Major... ....Baily

A detachment of 1c., 3s., 5s., 5c., 60P. To Perade Tommorrow Morning Nine OClock on the Grand Perade furnished With two days provisions. Those persons who have any Articles to send to our Prisoners in Philadelphia leave them with the Commissary of prisoners next Friday evening.—Paper to be Issued by the Quarter Mr. Genl. Tomorrow in the following proportion. Two Quire to each Brigadier or officers Commanding brigades 1 • to each Brigade Major and Six to each Regt. Ammunition to be drawn Immediately to compleat The Troops to Forty Rounds per Man is to be deposited into the Hands of the Brigade Qr. Mrs. to be Ready when call'd for—

Division Orders Valley Forge Jany. 28th, 1778.

At a Division Court Martial whereof Colo. Tupper Was president Held the 27th Inst. Francis Sussàce A Soldier in Capt. Brewers Compy. Colo. Brewers Regiement Tryed for desertion, and twice Inlisting The Court upon Mature Consideration are of Oppinion That the Prisoner is guilty of Twice Inlisting; But in Consideration of Sergt. Keeps Evidence and the prisoners plea do acquit him of punishment, and do Adjudge that he be Relased from his Confinement And do duty in Capt. Brewers Compy, Colo. Brewers Regt.—The Court are also of Oppinion that Capt. Brown Call upon the Committee of the Town of Harvard For the Bounty Stop'd in their hands.—The Major Genl. Approves the Sentence and orders it to take Places Accordingly.—

[TO BE CONTINUED.]